

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: Charge Reversal of Polyion Complexes

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated April 25, 2001. Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Applicants hereby submit a version with markings to show changes made:

Please amend claims 1, 8, 10, 12-18 and add claim 19 as follows:

1) (Amended) [A process for delivering a complex to a cell, comprising:

- a) forming the complex having a net charge comprising a nucleic acid and a polymer in a solution;
- b) attaching a charged polymer to the complex in sufficient amount to change the net charge;
- c) inserting the complex into a mammal;
- d) delivering the complex to the cell; and,
- e) expressing the nucleic acid.]

A process for delivering a nucleic acid to a cell, comprising: